

Reagan Critical Of Birch Society

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SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24 (AP)—Actor Ronald Reagan, a front runner for the Republican gubernatorial nomination in California, says a lunatic fringe has infiltrated the John Birch Society.

"I am not going to solicit their support," he declared as the GOP opened its state central committee convention today.

Reagan said he has studied a report by the California Senate's fact-finding subcommittee on the group.

While reporting that the Society was not subversive, he said; "the committee is critical, and I would be critical of, in its recent growth, the attraction to the organization of a fringe, which they say are emotionally unstable; a kind of lunatic fringe." The Birch Society had no comment.